

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority for an order authorizing the construction of two light rail transit tracks at-grade crossing West Avenue 45 in the City and County of Los Angeles, California.

Application 00-10-012
(Filed October 11, 2000)

And Related Matters.

Application 01-06-011
Application 00-11-050
Application 00-11-040
Application 00-11-034
Application 00-11-033
Application 00-11-032
Application 00-11-029
Application 00-11-016
Application 00-11-015
Application 00-10-050
Application 00-10-039
Application 00-10-033
Application 00-10-020

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING

This ruling directs the Applicant and other parties to submit supplemental information necessary to facilitate review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) portion of this consolidated proceeding.

Initial review of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) environmental documentation submitted for the proposed

project appears to reflect environmental analysis and final approval for the following grade separations: the Chinatown Station alignment; Colorado Blvd.; and Figueroa at Marmion Way.

The Applicant is directed to file an exhibit in side-by-side comparison format which provides the following information:

1. For each application, list each specific grade separated crossing location related to the above-noted approvals for the Chinatown Station alignment, Colorado Blvd., and Figueroa at Marmion Way.
2. For each application, list all other proposed grade separated crossings and provide citations to the portion(s) of the environmental documentation that contains the environmental impact analysis and project approval corresponding to that grade separation.
3. Identify which, if any, of the proposed grade separations involve utilizing existing grade separations or reconstructing existing grade separations.
4. For all applications, list all at-grade crossing locations which received final project approval along the entire project alignment.

In addition to the above specified exhibit, the Applicant and other parties to the proceeding should file briefs specifying whether they contend that the Commission may grant approval of grade separations that were not previously analyzed and approved by the MTA environmental documentation, without further CEQA review. The Applicant and parties should provide any relevant legal argument they believe supports their position regarding this approval issue.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Applicant shall provide the exhibit designated above at the continued hearings on December 12-14, 2001.
2. The exhibit may be presented as an exhibit of counsel.

3. Applicant shall, and other parties may, file and serve a brief on the above-noted approval issue on or before December 18, 2001. All parties may file reply briefs by December 28, 2001.

Dated December 5, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SHELDON ROSENTHAL by LTC

Sheldon Rosenthal
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 5, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO

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N O T I C E

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